



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

210 S Wesley Street- Indianola, IA 50125

515-961-3026

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm - Sunday 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Daily Mass: Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am and Tuesday 6:00 pm

Mass at Smith Chapel on Simpson Campus: 5:00 pm on Sundays while school is in session

Saturday, February 7

328: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, February 8

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

73: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - For the People

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas – John and Donna Sereg

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson

Monday, February 9

329: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, February 10

330: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday, February 11

331: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Berie Rehbein

Thursday, February 12

332: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Bill Thomas

Friday, February 13

333: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas – Bev and Rich Krier

Saturday, February 14

334: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, February 15

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

76: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a,

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - For the People

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

Bookkeeper: Beth McGinnis ext 200

Administrative Assistant: Brenna Blong ext 205

Campus Ministry & Special Projects Coordinator: Trenton Priest ext 203

Youth Minister (STAT): Diane DeWall ext 209

Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Michelle Helm ext 202

Facility Rental Coordinator: Nicola Brummer ext 206

Housekeeper: Andrea Ooms

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Deacon Support: Rev. Mr. Dave O'Brien ext 204

Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkle ext 208

Caring Hands: Patty Alexander ext 207

Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition is available Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Adoration chapel and most Friday mornings in the sanctuary.

ROSARY: Please join us in praying the rosary every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm in the church as we pray for peace, families and your special intentions. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

Liturgy of Baptism: Parents must attend pre-baptism classes. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.

Prayer Chain: To be put on the prayer chain, call Kris Gross 515-210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 515-240-2029 or follow this link: pray.mysta.org

Care of the Sick & Homebound: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist or follow this link: care.mysta.org

Newcomers/Change of Addresses: new.mysta.org Please update your address in a timely manner if you move.

Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by 12PM on Wednesday to Brenna Blong - bblong@mysta.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Parish Office: 515-961-3026

Website: stthomasindianola.com

 Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

For Sacramental Emergencies: call 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

Fr. Adam's Five for February 5 - February 11

1) Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2025. Masses will be 7a and 7p at St. Thomas Aquinas, and noon at Simpson. Put your palm branches in the box in the gathering space no later than February 15 so that we can burn them.

2) We have a TON of Lenten activities planned. CGS is having a pancake dinner in anticipation of Lent and an open house on Feb 14 and 15 with Lenten activities to take home. Creation Care is hosting a 3-part series and encourages you to sign up. Social Concerns is co-hosting a fund drive to relieve medical debt. The Knights of Columbus are doing fish fries. There will be stations of the cross led by the clergy team. And more! Please check the bulletin, the kiosks, and the signs posted for more information.

3) Our ChristLife retreat is coming up- please keep our ChristLife participants in prayer.

4) Thank you everyone who participated in the 2025 ADA! We CRUSHED our goal, and will be receiving a sizeable refund from the Diocese. The 2025 ADA will wrap up this month. There were 180 households supporting this initiative.

5) I have another prayer request. Our leadership teams are discerning next steps for us, and it'd be good to lay the foundation in prayer. Please say a prayer or two for our leadership as you go about your day.

Care Center Masses

First Tuesday of the month : Good Samaritan Nursing Home - 9:30 AM

Third Thursday of the month : Westview Care Center - 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

As we settle into Ordinary time in the Church calendar, are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and or prayer life? Eucharistic Adoration can help you to do both.

We currently have adoration with exposition on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 9pm. We need a few more adorers on Wednesday and Thursday and are in need of just 3 adorers on Tuesdays in order to consider adoration with exposition on that day also.

We need 1 additional adorer for each of the hours below so that we can have 2 adorers to share each hour to ensure coverage.

Tuesday: 1, 3, and 4 pm
Wednesday: 7 and 8 pm
Thursday: 7 pm

We are also in need for substitute adorers to fill in while some of our snow birds fly south for the winter. If you are willing to fill in an hour for a few months or just as needed, please reach out to me and I'll add you to the substitute adorer list.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these hours or as a substitute adorer.

Call or text, 515-344-7850 or email spennani1976@outlook.com

For those unable to commit to an hour each week, please come and visit Jesus anytime your schedule allows. He is present in the tabernacle at all times and exposed on Wednesday and Thursdays.

You may visit any time the church doors are open.



As Part of our Lenten Open House Event, Feb 14 & 15

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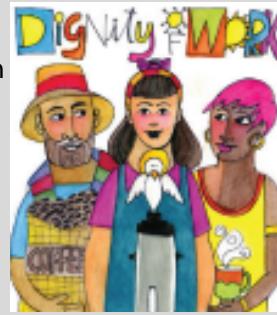
Jesus spent a lot of time in boats, on beaches, and along shorelines, and he spent a lot of time with people who made their livelihoods from fishing. If you've ever been to shores in the Holy Land where Jesus once walked or imagined them in your own prayer, you probably don't envision them littered with all the trash that is so common on our beaches now. Imagine how distressed Jesus would be to walk along a shoreline cluttered with plastic straws, bottles, cans, pieces of styrofoam, old tires, etc. If you vacation at a beach or shoreline, pick up trash. If that isn't an option, do the same in your neighborhood. Better yet, go with a friend or family member, or take some kids with you to multiply the effect.

Anyone interested in joining the Creation Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the Church App and request to join.

Corner

DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

We pray that all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.



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Prayer List

For all those in need Michael Deming, Linda Mullen, Aleisha Fox, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont, Joan McElroy, John Schletzbaum & all the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at jjward71@gmail.com or 515-250-7385, Kris Gross at 515-210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 515-240-2029 to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the rest of the group to start immediate prayers.

We would like to offer a prayer shawl to parishioners who are ill or in need of comfort. The shawls were prayed over when created. Please make your request through one of the prayer chain leaders. Please contact Brenna Blong at 515-961-3026 or bblong@mysta.org to add or remove names from the bulletin.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Practices for All Ages and Stages of Life
Out of ideas for how to observe Lent this year?
Please join us in the Multi-Purpose Room after Masses on Saturday, Feb 14 and Sunday, Feb 15 for a Lenten Open House Event. There will be tables to visit at your own pace showcasing many different Lenten Practices for all ages with handouts and materials to take home. Divine Treasures will be on site both days selling Lenten devotionals and other items. Refreshments will be served!

Please contact Michelle at 515-961-3026 or mhlem@mysta.org with questions.

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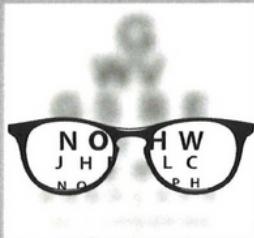
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